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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Process for the preparation of a compound of general formula (I):

$$X \longrightarrow X$$

$$CF_3$$

$$(I)$$

in which X represents a halogen atom,

by reaction of para-trifluoromethylaniline of formula (II):

$$\bigcap_{CF_3}^{NH_2}$$
 (II)

with a dihalogen X₂,

the two compounds being introduced simultaneously into a polar aprotic solvent in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from 1.9 to 2.5 and at a temperature ranging from 100 to 300°C.

- 2. (Original) Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that the compound of formula (I) is 2,6-dichloro-para-trifluoromethylaniline.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein or 2, characterised in that the solvent used is a chlorinated aliphatic solvent.
- 4. (Original) Process according to Claim 3, characterised in that the solvent used is dichloroethane.

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5. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein -or 2, characterised in that the solvent used is a chlorinated aromatic solvent.

6. (Original) Process according to Claim 5, characterised in that the solvent used is

monochlorobenzene.

7. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein, any one of Claims

1-6, characterised in that the reactants are introduced in a dihalogen/compound (II) molar

ratio ranging from 2 to 2.05.

8. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1, wherein any one of Claims-1

to 7, characterised in that the temperature of the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from

100 to 130°C.

9. (Original) Process according to Claim 8, characterised in that the temperature of

the reaction medium is chosen as ranging from 105 to 115°C.

10. (Original) Process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the reactants are

introduced into monochlorobenzene in a dichlorine/compound (II) molar ratio ranging from

1.85 to 2.05, at a temperature ranging from 105 to 115°C.

11. (New) Process according to Claim 2, wherein the solvent used is a chlorinated

aliphatic solvent.

12. (New) Process according to Claim 2, wherein the solvent used is a chlorinated

aromatic solvent.